

BOOK REVIEWS

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EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT NURSING. By A. Edward Davis, A.M., M.D., professor of diseases of the eye in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and Beaman Douglass, M.D., professor of diseases of the nose and throat in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. With thirty-two illustrations. Pages xvi.-318. Size, five and one-half by seven and seven-eighths inches. Extra cloth. Price, \$1.25 net. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, 1914-16 Cherry Street.

Here is a book which should strengthen the conviction of every doubting nurse as to whether we are indeed making progress as a whole. There is great satisfaction to be derived, incidentally, from the bare fact that two good men and true have constituted themselves collaborators in the production of a book of so imposing dimensions on the special instruction in this especial field of nursing—eye, ear, nose, and throat. This branch of nursing, hitherto much overlooked in our literature, challenges the interest of nurses unfailingly, requiring, as it does, so much of sympathy and tact, such delicate handling, such fine touch, and such untiring patience. It is, however, a very practical view of the subject that the writers give us—exceedingly plain and simple direction “for the intelligent care and nursing of the various diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, and to instruct the nurse as to her exact duties during and following operations upon these organs.” It is a matter for congratulation to find the literature of the nursing profession increasing in kind and quantity, and there is no room for doubting in this case the book is a distinct acquisition. We have from time to time deplored the sins of omission of the so-called “hand-books of nursing of ancient renown. We recommend this book as a contrast to those. We have groaned, none too gently, at the multiplication of books on nursing worthless to nurses, and at the reproduction of worn-out old books, which had long outlived their day and generation; but, after all, why need we vex ourselves? new and good books are increasing, and it is as one of these last that we welcome the work of Messrs. Davis and Douglass.

HELPS AND HINTS IN NURSING. By T. Quintin Griffith, M.D., Ph.D. Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co.

This book, which is addressed to the public and not to nurses, is designed to take the place of the old-time book of medicine found in every house, usually under the title "Family Practice." It is a sort of old style adapted to meet new fashions, and bears about the same relation to the old book that the present revival does to the 1830 styles in dresses. In these days of many doctors one wonders whether there is any demand for a book of this kind.

IN WATCHINGS OFTEN. ADDRESSES TO NURSES AND OTHERS. By the Rev. E. E. Holmes, honorary canon of Christ Church, vicar of Sonning, Berks. With a preface by the Right Rev. Bishop of Lincoln. London: Longmans, Green & Co.

We do well to remember that we must be constantly growing, constantly developing, and unless we grow proportionately, develop on all sides, we must become deformed, twisted, or wanting in some essential part. As a help to the spiritual side of our lives this little volume is intended. The book is a reprint of addresses given at the annual retreats for the members of the Guild of St. Barnabas. Written for our English sisters, it is none the less applicable to our own needs, and we earnestly recommend it to the nurses in America, many of whom will find in it a treasury of counsel and of consolation.

A NURSES' GUIDE FOR THE OPERATING-ROOM. By Nicholas Senn, M.D., Ph.D., LL.D., M.C. Second edition. Chicago: W. T. Keener & Co.

Old friends will gladly welcome the second edition of Dr. Senn's already well-known and deservedly popular "Guide for the Operating-Room." The new book comes to us enlarged and much improved and with many new illustrations.



ENEMATA OF OXYGEN GAS.—The *Journal of the American Medical Association*, quoting from the *Chicago Medical Recorder*, says: "Burwash has made use of enemata of oxygen gas in the treatment of acute respiratory disease, particularly pneumonia. He says that the introduction of a large quantity of oxygen gas into the intestinal canal not only neutralizes and deodorizes the noxious gases that frequently are found there, but also introduces oxygen through the portal system to the liver, and the already overcharged lungs are assisted in their function of aeration of the blood by this reinforcement."